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**Subject:** Fwd: EPA decides not to withdraw CWA Section 404(c) Proposed Determination for Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed  
**Attachments:** 2018 01 26 EPA Suspension FINAL.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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EPA released its decision on Bristol Bay last night. The Fed Reg notice will publish in a few days. Thanks to you and the entire docket team for your incredible support on this effort!

Thanks Palmer

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** "Hough, Palmer" <Hough.Palmer@epa.gov>  
**Date:** January 27, 2018 at 7:25:50 AM EST  
**To:** EPA Wetlands Legal Staff <EPA\_Wetlands\_Legal\_Staff@epa.gov>, EPA Wetlands Managers <EPA\_Wetlands\_Managers@epa.gov>, EPA Wetlands Program Staff <EPA\_Wetlands\_Program\_Staff@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA decides not to withdraw CWA Section 404(c) Proposed Determination for Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed

Folks:

I want to pass along the good news from EPA Region 10 that EPA has decided not to withdraw the CWA Section 404(c) Proposed Determination for Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed.

I encourage everyone to check out EPA Region 10's Bristol Bay website for more information about yesterday's decision:

<https://www.epa.gov/bristolbay/about-epas-decision-not-withdraw-proposed-clean-water-act-restrictions-mining-pebble>

You can read the decision here, it will publish in the Federal Register in the next few days:

<https://www.epa.gov/bristolbay/notification-decision-not-withdraw-proposed-determination-restrict-use-area-disposal-site>

Also, attached is a joint press release from many of the Bristol Bay area governments and other stakeholders praising EPA's decision to leave the proposed restrictions in place.

-Palmer

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